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WALLINGFORD AND WANTAGE DISTRICTS  
JOINT PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE



**ANNUAL REPORT**

OF THE  
**MEDICAL OFFICER**  
**OF HEALTH**

FOR THE YEAR  
1960



# WALLINGFORD AND WANTAGE DISTRICTS JOINT PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

1960 — 1961

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE  
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JOINT PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my seventh Annual Report on the state of the public health in the Wallingford and Wantage Combined Districts during 1960, which incorporates the information required by Circular 1/61 of the Ministry of Health.

The combined population increased by 1.9% and this increase was spread more evenly throughout the four districts when compared to the increase of 1959. Approximately half this increase was attributable to excess of births over deaths, the remainder representing immigration.

There was a 4.5% increase in the number of live births during 1960 compared to a 4.2% increase in 1959. Only in Wallingford Borough was the corrected birth rate below that for England and Wales. The still-birth rate of 11.2 appears to be the lowest ever recorded. 4.9% of all births were illegitimate compared to 3.6% in 1959.

Once again the corrected death rates of the four districts were well below that for the whole country.

I must apologise for repeating every year that corrected rates allow for age and sex distribution of the population and all old people's hospitals, institutions, homes and hostels in the area.

Last year I reported a steady decline in the infant mortality rate over the four previous years, and it may be I echoed the sounds of praise somewhat prematurely for in 1960 there has been a marked and mysterious rise to 22.7 which is above the provisional national rate of 21.9. Of the 20 infant deaths under a year, 15 occurred during the first four weeks and 12 during the first week of life.

The corrected death rates for all four districts were well below the national rate. Practically half the deaths were attributable to vascular lesions of the nervous system, coronary disease, angina and other heart diseases. It should be noted there were no deaths from pregnancy, childbirth or abortion. Deaths from lung cancer show little change with a rate of approximately 0.3 per 1,000 population. A recent study of 13 deaths from lung cancer in the



combined districts showed the daily smoking habits of the cases to be as follows:—

0–10 cigarettes	10–20 cigarettes	20–40 cigarettes	over 40 cigarettes
2	3	7	1

Three out of the thirteen suffered from bronchitis most of their lives yet continued to smoke heavily. This sample is too small to enable one to draw any definite conclusions, also a comparison would have to be made with a random sample of the population, but it is significant there was not a non-smoker in the thirteen.

Whooping cough notifications showed a sharp rise in 1960 and this was accompanied by a 23% reduction in the number of immunisations against this disease. You will note a marked fall in the number of cases of tuberculosis both pulmonary and non-pulmonary varieties. The mobile mass radiography visit commenced operations in the area shortly before Christmas and the effect of this survey will be reflected in the figures for 1961. Once again there was a complete absence of poliomyelitis.

Diphtheria immunisations of infants under one year were 455 compared to 544 in 1959. Smallpox vaccinations of infants were 449 compared to 511 in 1959, and I have already mentioned a fall in whooping cough immunisations. It would appear from these reductions some extra preventive propaganda is required. Poliomyelitis vaccinations continued through the year. B.C.G. vaccination figures had not been received before going to press.

Since the introduction of new legislation regarding caravans, councils have given much time and thought to formulating policies which would enable them to deal with unsatisfactory sites. It is expected the council owned site in Didcot will be completed towards the end of 1962.

Now I must turn to the problem of old age — a subject which is receiving greater prominence every year. The White Paper of the Central Health Services' Council says the problem of old people is soaring. By 1978 one person in every seven will be over 65. Nearly 2,000,000 persons in Britain are now 75 or over and more than 250,000 are 85 or over. About 96% of old people aged 65 or more live at home, and the majority are well and active, but nearly 1,000,000 mainly elderly women are living entirely alone. Many are existing without any effective contacts and some married couples continue to maintain their independence only by their united efforts so that breakdown for one may prove an unmanageable crisis for both. I feel health authorities must make a greater attack on this problem. Some old people are house-bound merely for the want of chiropody, physiotherapy and even cosmetic treatment. Attendance at surgeries and hospitals is often an embarrassment to the aged so they tend to cut themselves off from the outside world and lose interest in everything. Any

measure which will brighten the twilight of their day would be a step in the right direction. Old people's clinics run on the lines of infant welfare clinics may be a solution to this great problem. I visualise such clinics integrating hospital, local authority, general practitioner and voluntary services and providing a chiropody and physiotherapy service. Other essential requirements are more accommodation for the aged — more independant housing (with some domiciliary help if necessary) for active elderly people, more residential homes for the frail and the provision of more and more old people's dwellings by local authorities.

Finally, I wish to thank the Joint Health Committee for their support, the Public Health staffs of the four district councils for their continued help and co-operation, the Public Health Laboratory, Oxford, for their many investigations and prompt reports, and lastly my secretary Mrs. Fudge who has handled her various tasks with efficiency.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

EDMUND M. HAMILTON.

## POPULATION

District	Area in Acres	Estimated Mid-Year Population		Differ- ence
		1959	1960	
Wallingford Borough	760	4,280	4,380	+ 100
Wantage Urban	2,797	5,740	6,000	+ 260
Wallingford Rural	21,790	18,060	18,180	+ 120
Wantage Rural	74,181	16,190	16,550	+ 360
Total	99,528	44,270	45,110	+ 840

## LIVE BIRTHS

District	No. of live births 1960			Birth rate per 1,000 population	Corrected Birth rate per 1,000 population
	Male	Female	Total		
Wallingford Borough	36	37	73	16.7	15.7
Wantage Urban	58	64	122	20.3	18.5
Wallingford Rural	175	168	343	18.9	20.0
Wantage Rural	172	170	342	20.6	20.2
Combined Districts	441	439	880	19.5	
England and Wales					17.1

## STILL BIRTHS

District	No. of stillbirths		Stillbirth rate per 1,000 total (live and still)	
	1959	1960	1959	1960
Wallingford Borough	1	3		
Wantage Urban	4	2		
Wallingford Rural	2	1		
Wantage Rural	9	4		
Combined Districts	16	10	18.6	11.2
England and Wales			20.7	19.8



## ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS

District	Number of illegitimate births per annum				
	1938	1945	1952	1959	1960
Wallingford Borough	3	5	5	3	5
Wantage Urban	3	17	5	6	6
Wallingford Rural	11	26	21	8	17
Wantage Rural	7	30	15	14	15
Total	24	78	46	31	43

4.9% of all live births were illegitimate.

## DEATHS

District	No. of Deaths 1960		Crude death rate per 1,000 population			Corrected death rate per 1,000 population	
	M	F	Total	1959	1960	1959	1960
Wallingford Borough	40	41	81	18.5	18.5	7.4	7.4
Wantage Urban	23	38	61	11.0	10.2	8.8	8.4
Wallingford Rural	86	99	185	11.3	10.2	9.1	7.6
Wantage Rural	69	71	140	8.6	8.5	9.3	9.1
Combined Districts	218	249	467	11.0	10.4		
England and Wales						11.6	11.5

## INFANT MORTALITY

District	No. of infant deaths under 12 months		Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	
	1959	1960	1959	1960
Wallingford Borough	—	1		
Wantage Urban	3	4		
Wallingford Rural	3	10		
Wantage Rural	7	5		
Combined Districts	13	20	15.4	22.7
England and Wales			22.2	21.9

N.B. All the England and Wales rates quoted for 1960 are provisional.

# CAUSES OF DEATH 1960

Causes	Wallingford Borough		Wantage U.D.		Wallingford R.D.		Wantage R.D.		Combined Districts		
	M. F.	Total	M. F.	Total	M. F.	Total	M. F.	Total			
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	—	—	—	—	2	1	3	—	1	1	4
Tuberculosis, Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Syphilitic Disease	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Meningococcal Infections	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other infective and parasitic diseases	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2
Malignant neoplasm stomach	1	1	2	2	—	1	—	1	2	5	7
Malignant neoplasm lung bronchus	2	—	2	1	1	2	3	6	—	6	13
Malignant neoplasm breast	—	1	1	—	1	1	1	—	3	3	6
Malignant neoplasm uterus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	2
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	2	1	3	1	2	3	5	10	8	8	16
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	1	1	2
Diabetes	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2
Vascular lesions of the nervous system	8	16	24	3	11	14	9	9	11	14	25
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Coronary disease angina  
Hypertension with heart disease  
Other heart diseases  
Other circulatory diseases  
Influenza  
Pneumonia  
Bronchitis  
Other diseases of the respiratory system  
Ulcers of stomach and duodenum  
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea  
Nephritis and nephrosis  
Hyperplasia of prostate  
Pregnancy child-birth abortion  
Congenital malformations  
Other defined and ill-defined diseases  
Motor vehicle accidents  
All other accidents  
Suicide  
Homicide and operations of war

8	8	16	3	5	8	18	11	29	10	6	16	69
—	1	1	—	2	2	—	2	2	1	—	1	6
6	4	10	3	4	7	16	29	45	6	8	14	76
1	1	2	1	1	2	4	5	9	2	5	7	20
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4	4	8	1	1	2	2	13	15	3	3	6	31
3	—	3	1	1	2	4	—	4	6	3	9	18
1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	3
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	1	3	4
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1
—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	3	—	—	—	3
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	2	—	2	—	1	1	—	1	1	4
2	3	5	4	8	12	8	10	18	4	5	9	44
2	—	2	—	—	—	2	2	4	1	—	1	7
—	—	—	1	—	1	3	4	7	2	1	3	11
—	1	1	—	—	—	3	—	3	1	—	1	5
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Total

40	41	81	23	38	61	86	99	185	69	71	140	467
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## NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

Disease	Wal'f'd Borough	Wantage U.D.	Wal'f'd R.D.	Wantage R.D.	Total 1959	Total 1960
Measles	8	179	106	89	739	382
Whooping Cough	8	1	29	16	8	54
Puerpural Pyrexia	—	—	—	—	3	—
Paralytic Polio	—	—	—	—	—	—
Non-Paralytic Polio	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas	—	—	—	—	2	—
Pneumonia	—	2	—	1	15	3
Encephalitis	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery	1	—	3	1	40	5
Scarlet Fever	—	23	4	23	155	50
Meningococcal Meningitis	—	1	—	2	—	3
Pneumococcal Meningitis	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	—	—	1	—	1	1
Food Poisoning	—	2	1	1	1	4
Malaria B.T.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Typhoid Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paratyphoid Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pulmonary T.B.	1	3	3	5	27	12
Non-Pulmonary T.B.	—	1	1	—	9	2
Total	18	212	148	138	1000	516

## POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION 1960

	Children		Adults			
	Born 1943-1960 2nd	3rd	Born 1933-1942 2nd	3rd	Born 1920-1932 2nd	3rd
Wallingford Borough	128	190	39	223	278	18
Wallingford Rural	333	785	151	956	847	107
Wantage Urban	345	520	78	357	346	35
Wantage Rural	288	549	261	1158	775	96
Combined Districts	1094	2044	529	2694	2246	256



### DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION 1960

	Under 1 year	1-4 years	5-14 years	15 years and over	Total
Wallingford Borough					
Primary	50	2	—	—	52
Booster	—	1	13	—	14
Wallingford Rural					
Primary	198	13	—	—	211
Booster	—	5	70	—	75
Wantage Urban					
Primary	48	4	—	—	52
Booster	—	—	23	—	23
Wantage Rural					
Primary	159	6	—	—	165
Booster	—	1	28	—	29
Combined Districts	455	32	134	—	621

### SMALLPOX VACCINATION 1960

	Under 1 year	1-4 years	5-14 years	15 years and over	Total
Wallingford Borough					
Primary Vacc	61	3	—	—	64
Re-Vacc	—	—	—	5	5
Wallingford Rural					
Vacc	185	11	—	—	196
Re-Vacc	—	—	—	6	6
Wantage Urban					
Prim. Vacc	58	—	—	—	58
Re-Vacc	—	—	—	5	5
Wantage Rural					
Prim. Vacc	145	4	—	—	149
Re-Vacc	—	2	—	11	13
Combined Districts	449	20	—	27	496

# WHOOPING COUGH IMMUNISATION 1960

	Under 1 year	1-4 years	5-14 years	15 years and over	Total
Wallingford Borough					
Primary	59	2	—	—	61
Booster	—	—	15	—	15
Wallingford Rural					
Primary	175	2	1	—	178
Booster	—	2	23	—	25
Wantage Urban					
Primary	57	2	—	—	59
Booster	—	—	27	—	27
Wantage Rural					
Primary	135	—	—	—	135
Booster	—	2	13	—	15
Combined Districts	426	10	79	—	515

# BOROUGH OF WALLINGFORD

## REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

### WATER SUPPLY

The whole of the dwelling houses in the Borough are supplied with water from main piped supplies.

In April 1960 the Corporation Water undertaking was transferred to the Thames Valley Water Board.

Thirty-one samples of chlorinated water in distribution were taken for bacteriological examination. Thirty samples were satisfactory but one sample showed slight contamination.

### SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Sewage from the whole of the Borough is pumped for treatment to the Wallingford Rural District Council's disposal works at Cholsey and this arrangement has continued to work satisfactorily.

During the year the sewage ejectors were overhauled.

### REFUSE COLLECTION

A weekly collection of refuse from all properties in the Borough has been maintained satisfactorily throughout the year and the Council has continued to use the Wallingford Rural District Council's tip for disposal.

### RODENT CONTROL

Summary of work carried out.

	<i>Visits</i>	<i>Treatments</i>
Dwelling Houses	380	27
Business Premises	90	5
Local Authority Premises	9	1

### MILK SUPPLIES

Two dairies are registered for the retail sale of milk.

The following supplementary dealers' licences have been issued:

Tuberculin Tested	3
Sterilised	2
Pasteurised	2

Five samples of milk were taken for bacteriological examination and all samples passed the appropriate tests.

### ICE CREAM

Seventeen premises are registered for the sale of ice cream. No ice cream is now manufactured in the Borough.

Six ice cream samples were taken and all samples passed the appropriate tests.

## FOOD PREMISES

### TYPE OF BUSINESS

(a)	Butchers	...	...	...	...	...	8
(b)	Grocers	...	...	...	...	...	12
(c)	Fried Fish Shops	...	...	...	...	...	2
(d)	Fishmongers	...	...	...	...	...	2
						(including one under (c))	
(e)	Greengrocers	...	...	...	...	...	6
(f)	Cafes	...	...	...	...	...	8
(g)	Hotels catering for non residents					...	3
(h)	Bakers	...	...	...	...	...	4

### PREMISES REGISTERED UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1955

(a)	Sale of Ice Cream...	...	...	...	...	15
(b)	Manufacure of Ice Cream	...	...	...	...	1
						(Not in use)
(c)	Manufacure of Sausages	...	...	...	...	8

### INSPECTION OF REGISTERED FOOD PREMISES

Twenty inspections were carried out. The Council instituted proceedings under the Food and Drugs Act in respect of one cafe and secured a conviction.

### EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY — FOOD HYGIENE

No educational activity relating to clean food has taken place during the year.

### METHOD OF DISPOSAL OF CONDEMNED FOOD

All fresh meat condemned as unfit for human consumption is sprayed with liquid acid green and destroyed. All condemned tinned food is disposed of by the Local Authority with their refuse.

### ICE CREAM (HEAT TREATMENT) REGULATIONS

All premises selling ice cream in the Borough comply with the Regulations.

### BAKEHOUSES

There are four bakehouses in the Borough. All were inspected and their condition was satisfactory.

### HOUSING AND MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

No houses were erected by the Borough Council during the year. Fifty-five houses were erected by private enterprise.

The Council operate a small camping and caravan site at their Riverside Park for holiday purposes only, the maximum stay permitted being fourteen days.



MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

Slaughtering is carried out at one slaughterhouse in the Borough and the Condition of the premises has been completely satisfactory.

The following tables give details of carcases and offal inspected:

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number Killed	190	32	40	510	335
Number Inspected	190	32	40	510	335
<i>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</i>					
Whole carcases condemned	—	—	—	2	2
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	24	5	1	8	9
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuber- culosis and cysticerci	12.6	15.6	2.5	2.0	3.3
<i>Tuberculosis only</i>					
Whole carcases condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	2	—	—	—	5
Percentage of which some part or organ was con- demned	1.1	—	—	—	1.5
<i>Cysticercosis</i>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration	1	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally con- demned	—	—	—	—	—

The following quantities of unsound food were also examined and voluntarily surrendered:

Tinned Fruit and Vegetables	597 tins
Tinned Jams	12 „
Tinned Milk	5 „
Tinned Meat	134 lbs.
Fresh Meat	16 „
Fresh Crabs	6 „
Dried Fruit	101 „

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 AND 1948

PART 1 OF THE ACT

1 — INSPECTIONS

	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	23	11	—	—
(ii) Factories not in- cluded in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	24	10	—	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	—	—	—	—
Total	47	21	—	—

Cases in which defects were found:

- 1 — Sanitary conveniences insufficient.
- 3 — Sanitary conveniences unsuitable or defective.

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outwork — Nil.

BATHING PLACE

The Borough Council own and maintain an open air swimming pool and paddling pool at the Riverside Park near Wallingford Bridge. During the year the Council installed a full recirculation and purification plant which came into operation in August.

# WANTAGE URBAN DISTRICT

## REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

### WATER SUPPLIES

On the 1st April the Council relinquished its duties as Statutory Water Undertakers for the Urban District of Wantage and the Parish of Grove to the Thames Valley Water Board. As an interim measure the Council are acting as agents to the Board.

Construction of a new 440,000 gallon service reservoir has been commenced in a position adjacent to the existing 250,000 gallon service reservoir at Chainhill. On completion the combined capacities of the reservoirs will be approximately equal to two days supply at the present average demand.

21 samples of water were taken for bacteriological examination and of these 3 showed slight contamination with coliform organisms. Repeat samples of the latter have proved satisfactory on examination.

### SEWERAGE

The construction of a new system of sewers has been commenced to replace the old system of culverts in the central area of the town which have collapsed in several places in recent years. The new system will drastically reduce the amount of ground water reaching the Sewerage Disposal Works through infiltration the amount of which, aggravated by the large volume of infiltration water from the Parishes of Grove and Hanney exceeds the designed capacity of the works.

### REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The weekly collection of Domestic and Trade Refuse from all properties in this area has been maintained throughout the year.

The tip at "S" Hill is being worked satisfactorily and will provide tipping space for some years.

### RODENT CONTROL

63 premises were surveyed under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 13 of which were as a result of notification of infestation.

A further 183 premises were examined for rodent infestation during inspections for other purposes.

One major and 23 minor infestations were found and treated.



## MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

The Haven Vale Caravan Site, Grove Street, licensed for 27 moveable dwellings has been regularly inspected. The sanitary and ablution arrangements are satisfactory and well maintained. The license for this site has been renewed under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960 subject to compliance with revised conditions based on the Model Standards issued by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

1 moveable dwelling situated in another part of the area has been issued with a license for a limited period.

## PRIVATE NURSING HOMES

There are no private nursing homes in the area.

## HOUSING

	1959	1960
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Number of permanent houses erected	59	109
Number of permanent houses erected by the Local Authority	8	42
Number of permanent houses erected by Private enterprise	51	67
Number of temporary houses erected	—	—
Number of families on housing list	182	197

## NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT

Number of persons dealt with under Section 47	Nil
Number of persons dealt with under Section 50	Nil

## PUBLIC BATHS

There is one open air swimming pool owned and operated by the Urban District Council. The pool is emptied, cleansed and refilled weekly with water from the public mains. No filtration or purification plan is installed at present the water being occasionally hand dosed with a chlorine solution.

## DISINFECTION OF PREMISES

Number of premises disinfected during the year — 1.

## LICENSED PREMISES

There are 16 licensed premises in the area 12 of which have been inspected involving 19 visits.



## SHOPS ACT

Number of shops in the district	94
Number of shops inspected ...	81
Number of inspections ... ..	92

## FOOD AND CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS

There are 53 food premises in the area as follows: –

Butchers	...	...	...	8
Wet Fish Shops...	...	...	...	2
Fried Fish Shops	...	...	...	2
Grocers and General Stores	...	...	...	18
Greengrocers	...	...	...	3
Bakers and Confectioners	...	...	...	3
Bakehouses	...	...	...	2
Sweet Shops	...	...	...	6
Hotels	...	...	...	6
Restaurants	...	...	...	3

All the premises have been visited with a total of 63 visits. The standard of cleanliness in food premises is generally satisfactory. As a result of informal action 2 premises have been brought to the standard of the Food Hygiene Regulations 1955.

## ICE CREAM

19 premises are registered for the sale of Ice Cream under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955. All licensed premises have been inspected during the year, the total number of visits being 27. The premises were found to be satisfactory in respect of the storage and sale of ice cream.

## MILK SUPPLIES

There are two retailers of milk in the district. One holds supplementary licenses to sell Pasteurised and Tuberculin Tested Milk, and the other holds licenses to sell Pasteurised, Tuberculin Tested and Sterilised Milk.

There are 4 shops in the district from which milk is sold in prepacked containers.

## SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTIONS

There is one licensed Slaughterhouse in the area and licences to slaughter animals have been granted to three persons.

### CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART.

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	122	14	103	221	—
Number inspected	122	14	103	221	—
<i>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</i>					
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	6	—	—	2	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	4.92%	—	—	0.9%	—
<i>Tuberculosis only</i>					
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	3	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	—	—	—	1.36%	—
<i>Cysticercosis</i>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—

The following items were found, on inspection at premises other than slaughterhouses to be unfit for human consumption, and were voluntarily surrendered:—

28 lbs. Pigs Kidneys, 2 tins Chopped Pork, 1 tin Jellied Veal, 4 tins Corned Beef, 130 lbs. Desiccated Coconut, 28 lbs. Currants.

Unsound meat is sterilized and used for animal food. Other unsound foods are buried under Council supervision.

# SUMMARY OF WORK DONE BY PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR DURING 1960

			No. of different properties or sites	Total No. of visits made
Water sampling	...	...	21	24
Sewerage Disposal	...	...	1	17
Refuse Tip	...	...	1	30
Moveable Dwellings	...	...	2	16
Public Baths	...	...	1	20
Licensed Premises	...	...	16	19
Shops	...	...	81	92
Food Shops	...	...	52	63
Ice Cream Shops	...	...	19	27
Slaughterhouses	...	...	1	61
Unfit Food	...	...	7	10
Milk Shops	...	...	4	8
General House Inspection	...	129		235
Disinfection of Premises	...	1		3
Drainage Inspection	...	25		36
Rodent Control	...	63		127
Miscellaneous Visits	...	11		15
Number of different premises inspected				435
Number of visits made	...	...		803
Number of complaints received	...			55
Number of defects or nuisances discovered				49
Number of nuisances abated...	...			47
Number of notices: Formal	...	...		Nil
Informal	...			49

# FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959

## PART 1 OF THE ACT

### 1 — INSPECTIONS

	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	17	15	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	25	21	—	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	8	8	—	—
Total	50	44	—	—

### 2 — CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

One Sanitary Convenience was found unsuitable or defective and was remedied.

## PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outwork — Nil.



# WALLINGFORD RURAL DISTRICT

## REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR WATER SUPPLY

The Council's water undertaking was taken over by the Thames Valley Water Board on the 1st April, 1960. The Board is carrying out certain extensions in the District, but the Council has no detailed information on this matter.

## SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The main drainage scheme for the villages of Aston Tirrold, Aston Upthorpe, North Moreton and South Moreton, was completed in the early part of the year. The new sewage disposal plant at South Moreton was officially opened in June, 1960.

## REFUSE COLLECTION

STAFF. 1 Foreman and 9 men. (One man is employed full-time on tip control work).

### EQUIPMENT.

One 25 cubic yard Karrier fore and aft tipping vehicle.

\*One 25 cubic yard S. & D. freighter.

One 15 cubic yard Karrier moving floor type vehicle.

One Fordson Major half-track vehicle equipped with dozer blades.

\* The new S. & D. freighter is equipped with a diesel engine. It is the Council's policy to replace the existing petrol engine vehicles by diesel operated vehicles in due course, and thus achieve a saving in operating costs.

REFUSE DISPOSAL. Controlled tipping at Pearith Gravel Pits, Long Wittenham.

COLLECTION. Kerbside collection once per week. A charge of £1 per annum is made for additional service, where refuse is collected from the back-door in cases of illness, infirmity, etc.

TRADE REFUSE. No charge is made for the collection of trade refuse, but a charge of 5/- per load is made for the disposal of such refuse on the tip. Top-soil is accepted without a charge.

GENERAL. The Council provide tipping facilities at the Pearith Pit for household refuse from the following sources:—

Wallingford Borough,  
Wantage R.D.C.,  
A.E.R.E. Harwell.

During the year a new 25 cubic yard diesel operated S. & D. freighter was purchased for refuse collection.

## SALVAGE

Salvage operations are still confined to the recovery of cardboard, rags, woollens, mixed metals, steel and cast iron. The income derived from this source is gradually rising. A percentage is paid into the general rate fund, the balance is shared amongst the collection staff as a monthly bonus.

## RODENT CONTROL

### SUMMARY OF WORK CARRIED OUT IN 1960.

	<i>Visits</i>	<i>Treatments</i>
Dwelling Houses ... ..	377	262
Business Premises ... ..	71	29
Local Authority Premises ...	427	52
Agricultural Properties ...	508	95
	<hr/> 1383	<hr/> 438

Treatment of wasps nests — 33.

The income from Rodent Control work has increased slightly since the 31st December, 1959.

## SLAUGHTERHOUSES

The Council's Slaughterhouse Report was accepted by the Minister on the 18th August, 1960. There are now two licensed slaughterhouses remaining in the district, which will comply with the new standard by 1st October, 1961, i.e.—

The Cholsey Slaughterhouse; *Owner*: The Cholsey Meat Supply Co. Ltd.

The Slaughterhouse, 5 Hagbourne Road, Didcot; *Owner*: Messrs. H. Andrews & Sons, 5 Hagbourne Road, Didcot.

## VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF FOODS UNFIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

FRESH FOODS		lbs.
150 poultry		582
Meat		94
CANNED FOODS		
Fruit and vegetables	598 cans	2399
Meat	626 „	913
Fish	32 „	23
	<hr/> Total	<hr/> 4011 lbs.

## FOOD ADMINISTRATION

MILK. All milk retailed in the district is designated. Twelve samples of milk were taken during the year for bacteriological analysis, all were reported on as satisfactory. A warning was issued to one retailer for selling milk from a vehicle which did not display the vendor's name and address.

ICE CREAM. One Café proprietor in the district is licensed to manufacture ice cream. During 1960 he purchased his stock from a wholesale manufacturer, and no ice cream was produced locally. No samples were taken during the year.

The Local Authority refused two applications for the registration of premises for the sale of ice cream. In each case the application related to the sale of ice cream from the forecourt of a petrol filling station, and it was considered that the proposed arrangements for handling this commodity were not satisfactory from a hygienic standpoint.

FOOD SHOPS GENERALLY. The Public Health Department is at present understaffed and it has not been possible to carry out as many routine inspections of food shops as one would wish. There have been no prosecutions for contravention of Food Hygiene Regulations during the year.

## STATISTICS

### FOOD PREMISES IN THE DISTRICT

Food Factories and Warehouses	...	6
General Grocery	... ..	53
Butchers	... ..	10
Chemists	... ..	4
Cafés	... ..	4
Public Houses	... ..	22
Travelling Food Vehicles	... ..	6
Greengrocers	... ..	3
Confectioners	... ..	5
Fish Shops	... ..	4
Hotels with Catering Licence	... ..	6
Bakeries	... ..	2

### PREMISES REGISTERED UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Manufacturers of Ice Cream	...	1
Storage and Sale of Ice Cream	...	45
Fish Frying	... ..	3
Sausage Making	... ..	5
Bakehouses	... ..	3



# MEAT INSPECTION, 1960

	Cows	Steers	Heifers	Calves	Pigs	Sheep	Lambs
January	1	12	9	49	133	—	17
February	—	13	11	7	76	5	25
March	—	3	18	5	66	1	21
April	—	10	18	3	69	—	30
May	—	12	10	2	37	—	25
June	1	9	12	3	34	—	26
July	—	5	14	4	38	1	29
August	1	11	9	1	45	—	33
September	—	10	11	4	46	1	32
October	—	15	9	4	42	—	37
November	—	8	16	3	71	8	30
December	1	12	8	7	75	3	11
	4	120	145	92	732	19	316

## *Tuberculosis*

Whole carcasses	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Part carcasses/ organs	—	—	—	—	13	—	—
%					1.77		

## *Cysticercus Bovis*

Whole carcasses	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Part carcasses/ organs		2		—	—	—	—
%		0.75					

## *Diseases other than T.B. and Cysticercus Bovis*

Whole carcasses		30		1	—	1	1
Part carcasses	—	—	—	—	78	3	2
%	—	11.35		1.08	1.06	22.2	0.94

## WEIGHTS CONDEMNED

Whole Carcasses	...	...	...	...	187 lbs.
Part Carcasses	...	...	...	...	162
Heads and meat	...	...	...	...	80
Offal	...	...	...	...	494
					923 lbs.



PUBLIC BATHS

There is now only one swimming bath in the district open to the public, i.e. the bath in the grounds of the Shillingford Bridge Hotel. The bath in the grounds of the Wallingford Caravan Company has been closed. No samples of water from the swimming bath were taken during the year.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS

A summary of the work carried out has been submitted on the appropriate form.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

During the year no persons were buried by the Local Authority under the provisions of Section 50 of the National Assistance Act, 1948.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

No complaints concerning atmospheric pollution were received during the year. The grit extractors at the Park Road factory of Samor Pure Foods Ltd., have now been fitted with a silencer, and the complaints re noise have ceased.

SUMMARY OF NOTICES SERVED BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT DURING THE YEAR, 1960

	<i>Informal</i>	<i>Statutory</i>
General Defects     ...     ...     ...	9	1
Drainage     ...     ...     ...	11	—
Defective dustbins     ...     ...     ...	10	—
Defective sanitary arrangements     ...	1	—
Defective water supply     ...     ...	1	—
Absence of farm sanitary accommodation     ...     ...     ...	15	—
Overgrown ditches     ...     ...     ...	4	—
Dangerous buildings     ...     ...	1	1
Accumulation of offensive matter	1	—
	<hr/> 53 <hr/>	<hr/> 2 <hr/>

HOUSING

During the year 18 individual houses were represented as unfit for habitation. The Manor Road, Didcot, Clearance Order was confirmed, and the 7 tenants re-housed, and the cottages demolished.

The Council completed 44 cottage flats in Fairacres Road, Didcot, and 12 flats equipped with electric underfloor heating in Abbot Road, Didcot.

CARAVANS

With reference to the Council's proposal to provide two municipal caravan sites, one in Didcot and the other in Cholsey, the Minister of Housing and Local Government held local enquiries in the district on the 9th August, 1960. As a result of the enquiries the Council has decided not to proceed with the site in Cholsey at present.

The site in Didcot should be completed by the 31st December, 1962.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959

PART 1 OF THE ACT

1 — INSPECTIONS

	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	2	7	—	—
(ii) Factories not in- cluded in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	35	43	—	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	—	—	—	—
Total	37	50	—	—

2 — Cases in which defects were found — Nil

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outwork — 79 (Making of wearing apparel).

# WANTAGE RURAL DISTRICT

## REPORT OF THE SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR MILK

There are 13 distributors of milk, with 7 dairies, registered in the district. Inspections of these dairies have been carried out regularly throughout the year.

All milk sold in the district is subject to the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations. Licenses permitting the sale of milk under Special Designations were in force during the year as follows:—

Tuberculin Tested	...	...	...	12
Pasteurised	...	...	...	11
Sterilised	...	...	...	5

17 samples of designated milks were taken. All were satisfactory.

Licences permitting the sale of milk in the area will, in future, be issued by the Berkshire County Council.

## CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS

There are 76 catering establishments in the district. This number includes licensed premises. There is, in addition one mobile snack bar regularly in use in the area.

52 visits have been made to these premises. Conditions have been found to be mainly satisfactory.

In the few cases where contravention of the Food Hygiene Regulations were found, proprietors of the premises concerned willingly co-operated with the Officers of the Council.

## SHOPS

There are 58 shops in the district. Of these all but 5 are food shops. 93 visits were made to these premises during the year and, in the majority of instances, conditions were satisfactory.

## BAKEHOUSES

Number in district	...	...	...	6
Number of inspections	...	...	...	14
Number of notices	...	...	...	Nil

## ICE CREAM PREMISES

Number of dealers on register	...	60
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## FOOD INSPECTION

The following food has been condemned as unfit for human consumption:—

573 lbs. Canned Meats.

6 lbs. Miscellaneous Canned Foodstuffs.



## SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND BUTCHER'S SHOPS

2 slaughterhouses and 1 knacker's yard are licensed and used in the District although the latter is used only very rarely.

5 butcher's shops and 3 mobile meat shops are open in the District and each is inspected regularly.

During the year a report on slaughtering facilities in the area was prepared and submitted to the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. The report was accepted by the Minister and the Council was notified that the operative date for the Slaughterhouse (Hygiene) Regulations and the Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty) Regulations was 1st April, 1961.

### CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART.

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Goats
Number killed (if known)	98	142	162	327	649	154
Number inspected	98	142	162	327	649	154
<i>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</i>						
Whole carcasses condemned	—	9	3	2	7	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	2	8	—	6	34	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	2	12	1.9	2.5	6.3	0
<i>Tuberculosis only</i>						
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	3	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	0	0	0	0	0.46	—
<i>Cysticercosis</i>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—

The total weight of meat and offal condemned was 4,725 lbs.



## WATER SUPPLY

A piped supply of water is available in all parishes. In each case a borehole is the source of supply. There are 4 separate schemes, but these have been linked so that a deficiency at one bore may be augmented from another.

72 samples of water were taken from the various sources and were generally found to be of high bacteriological standard.

Parish	Acres	Pop.	No. of Houses		No. of Houses Connected to water mains		Sewerage
			Council	Private	Council	Private	
Ardington	2693	388	—	129	—	120	Yes
E. Challow	1657	684	90	139	86	129	Yes
W. Challow	1070	185	15	39	15	35	Yes
Childrey	2929	463	39	111	39	110	Yes
Denchworth	1051	171	11	42	11	40	
Goosey	946	122	6	34	6	25	
Grove	2513	1520	114	387	114	340	Yes
E. Hanney	2200	581	44	135	44	128	Yes
W. Hanney	1333	358	28	89	28	82	Yes
E. Hendred	3198	1288	80	348	80	334	Yes
W. Hendred	2002	328	29	73	29	68	
L. Regis	2155	436	41	108	41	103	Yes
L. Bassett	1631	187	11	44	11	44	†
Lockinge	3763	257	—	89	—	85	Yes
Sparsholt	3329	260	28	65	22	62	†
Aldworth	1886	205	12	56	12	50	†
Beedon	2096	377	22	104	22	99	†
Blewbury	4246	1093	64	261	54	243	Yes
Brightwalton	2054	295	15	90	15	82	†
Catmore	710	40	—	17	—	10	
Chaddleworth	3400	458	46	101	38	97	†
Chilton	1448	780	42	177	20	168	Yes
Compton	3803	1028	74	254	70	241	Yes
Farnborough	1886	107	4	33	4	31	
Fawley	2190	169	5	42	5	38	†
H. Norris	4479	699	51	180	51	162	†
Hermitage	1482	567	7	189	7	172	†
Harwell	2503	2021	81	480	78	454	Yes
E. Ilsley	3017	408	32	95	32	82	
W. Ilsley	3037	267	8	84	8	78	
Peasemore	2049	178	12	56	12	38	
Upton	1413	270	21	73	21	64	
	74159	16190	1032	4122	975	3814	

† Small disposal works in existence for Council houses only.

Number of dwelling houses connected to the mains	...	4789
Population connected to water mains (approx.)	... ..	16095
Number of dwelling houses supplied by S/pipes (approx.)		26
Population supplied by S/pipes (Est.)	... ..	95

## WATERCRESS BEDS

During the year an effort was made to persuade owners of watercress beds to wash all watercress in a chlorinated water supply before marketing. No dosing tanks were constructed during the year but it is anticipated that these will be in operation during 1961.

## REFUSE COLLECTION

3,709 tons of refuse were collected and disposed of at the refuse tips at Farnborough, Hermitage and Stanford. A "Brayloader" was used to level refuse and provide covering material.

A kerbside collection of refuse was made fortnightly throughout the district, with one housing estate near Wantage collected weekly.

The vehicles in regular use on the service were a Dennis "Paxit" and S. & D. Fore and Aft Tipper. A Dennis 10 cu. yd. Side loader was used occasionally when required.

7 men were employed on the service, two drivers, four loaders and a tipman/fitter who carried out maintenance work on the vehicles in addition to levelling, etc. at the refuse tips.

## CESSPOOL EMPTYING

All sewage tanks serving Council Houses are emptied once every month while cesspools are emptied once every two months. In addition, the vehicle is available for private work. During the year it was found possible to maintain the charge at the previous years' figure of £1 15s. 0d. per load, with reductions for subsequent loads, etc.

Number of emptyings of Council sewage tanks	133
Number of emptyings of Council cesspools	129
Number of emptyings of Private tanks and cesspools	470
Amount due to the Council	£1,105 7s. 6d.
Number of gallons of sewage pumped	1,176,000

## RODENT CONTROL

Number of complaints received	... ..	162
Number of infestations	... ..	559

In addition, any infestations found at the A.E.R.E., Harwell, and Grove, and also Council owned properties throughout the area were effectively dealt with during the year.

## AGRICULTURAL

Number of Contracts	34
Amount due to the Council	£741
Treated at least once per month.	

## CARAVANS

With the passing of the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, a survey of large and individual sites was undertaken to assist in forming a policy for dealing with the caravan problem in the area.

In general, it was decided that individual sites should be run down over a period and caravans should be stationed on the three large sites at Grove, Blewbury and Harwell. To assist in the run down process and avoid undue hardship to families having some connection with the Rural District, 20 sites were reserved at Grove for persons displaced from unsuitable sites.

## HOUSING

During the year the selection of tenants for new Council Houses again formed an important part of the work of the Public Health Department.

New Council Houses were built and occupied as follows:—

Sparsholt & Westcott	6	Chaddleworth	8
East Challow	4	Compton	4
Blewbury	10	Chilton	22
Harwell	3		

During the year the number of occupied hutments was reduced from 3 to nil.

Families were re-housed from unfit houses as follows:—

Chaddleworth	1	Ardington	1
Brightwalton	1	Compton	2
Lilley	1	Beedon	1
Blewbury	2	Chilton	4
East Hendred	1	West Hendred	2
West Hanney	1		

Houses in the following parishes were demolished during the year:—

Harwell	3	East Hanney	1
Grove	2	Lilley	2
East Ilsley	3	Childrey	1
East Hendred	1	Compton	1
Chilton	1	West Hanney	3
Upton	1	East Challow	2

During the year 62 properties were improved with the assistance of an Improvement Grant made by the Council under the Housing (Financial Provision) Acts, 1958 and 1959. In addition improvements to 13 properties were carried out with the aid of Standard Grants.



# SUMMARY OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S WORK DURING THE YEAR 1960

Number of different premises visited	...	...	...	2011
Number of inspections made	...	...	...	2716
Number of complaints received	...	...	...	276
Number of defects or nuisances discovered	...	...	...	232
Number of notices served: informal	...	...	...	19
statutory	...	...	...	Nil
Number of prosecutions	...	...	...	1
<i>Number of nuisances abated:</i>				
as to privies and W.C's, sink wastes, etc.	...	...	...	9
as to drains and cesspools	...	...	...	73
as to pigs and other animals	...	...	...	1
as to deficient or impure water	...	...	...	3
as to unclean houses	...	...	...	1
as to polluted ditches and streams	...	...	...	2
as to insanitary accumulations and deposits	...	...	...	4
as to other defects or nuisances	...	...	...	43
Number of premises disinfected	...	...	...	1
Number of water samples for examination (public)	...	...	...	37
(private)	...	...	...	35
Number of wells closed	...	...	...	1
Number of wells cleansed, repaired or deepened...	...	...	...	2
Number of new houses connected to water mains	...	...	...	187
Number of water certificates granted (Rural District only)	...	...	...	Nil
Number of seizures or surrenders of unsound or diseased food	...	...	...	59
Number of conservancy closets replaced by W.C.'s	...	...	...	28
Number of slaughterhouses on register	...	...	...	2
visits	...	...	...	252
Piggeries. Number of inspections	...	...	...	1
Number of retail dairies in district	...	...	...	6
Number of inspections	...	...	...	17



# FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959

## PART 1 OF THE ACT

### 1 — INSPECTIONS

	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	11	13	—	—
(ii) Factories not in- cluded in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	47	22	—	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworker's premises)	—	—	—	—
Total	58	35	—	—

### 2 — CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Want of cleanliness — Two (both remedied).

## PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outwork — 2 (Making of wearing apparel).





